Main Verbs of Bible

THE PARAMOUNT VERBS OF THE GOSPEL

Matt. 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labor, etc."
Lk. 24:49 Tarry ye in the city until ye be clothed
with power from on high."
Mk. 16:15 Go ye into all the world, and preach the
gospel."

Many powerful sermons preached from these texts, some of which I have read and heard. I shall not endeavor to preach a great sermon from them, however, but simply to bring to you a practical thot from them and make that thot helpful and encouraging to you, not only for your Xn living, but for all the affairs of life.

I. Our first verb is Come.

1. Word occurs 642 times in Bible. But it is the use to which Christ puts it that gives it its significance for us.

With it he called the disciples-Come and follow me.
With it he caused Matthew Levi to leave his seat of custom.
Zaccheus, the rich ruler, the Seventy, thousands at Pentacost, and ever since to all humanity.

2. Statue of X by Thorwaldsen, in Copenhagen, in the very act of extending the invitation, "Come unto me" Learned man came to see it; failed to note any significance until a child noticing his disappointment, tol him to kneel at the foot of the statue and look up to the Master's face.

A proud and haghty spirit cannot hear Jesus saying, Come.

3. Whosoever will may come. Every soul has an ear that can hear God's voice. Created in the image of God, we all are capable of the companionship of God.

This is not so of other calls. Many are called to definite careers, according to their respective aptitudes. Some, to the profession of medicine, of of teaching, or the ministry, or engineering, or law: some are called to various trades or to business, or to politics and statesmanship. Such calling to a career depends upon what personal talent and ability we may possess. One person cannot be called to all these different careers. He could not answer the call if he would.

But the "Come untome" of Christ is to everybody: thank Godm whosoever will may come.

II. Our second verb is TARRY. "Tarry ye until ye be clothed ~~from on high"~~ with power from on high".

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1. To tarry means to remain for a time, to abide, to wait. The disciples tarried with Jesus for three years, during which time Christ prepared them for their work. The tarrying time is the training time. It is the learning time. "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me" The time of preparation thru discipline and study and practice. The tarrying time is the receiving time when thru the process of learni and discipline we are given power and made efficient for the work.

2. One hears the call to art, or to science, or to lett letters, and, responding, he ~~thinks~~ he goes to school, perhaps to a number of them, in order to obtain his Master"s Degree. He tarries in thh the schools for many many years. It is a long hard grind, wrestling with studies which will win the coveted diploma. Such tarrying requires consecration and concentration. Tarrying in a university is anything but an easy, pleasant time of it. It means hard work, stern discipline and many disappointments.

3. Tarrying with the Lord is none the less easy. If we would obtain a Master's degree in spiritual living, we must tarry with Christ, according to the rules and discipline of his school.

Without studying the Scriptures and without praying in private there is no tarrying with the Lord. Without reflecting on the goodness of God and meditating on the teachings of Christ there can be no getting filled with power from on high.

Faithful attendance at the church services is anoth means of tarrying with the Lord. The singing of the Gospel hymns, the reading of a lesson, the public prayer, and Xn fellowship together is a training in spiritual things. Take the special days of the church. Lords Supper, Birthday of Christ, Easter- special occasions of tarrying.

Some people have an idea they can neglect the tarryin period altogether and still have the right to the power of God. They blame God for not doing this or that or for letting this or that happen when they have refused to attend the classes in theschool of Christ, when they have learned nothing.

3. III. Our last paramount verb is "GO".

We come, we tarry, then we must go. We enter the higher schools to become fitted for a definite career, we tarry there until we receive our credentials of efficiency, our diplomas and degrees; then we go out into the world to make good, to begin our life-work, to carve our career of useful service to mankind.

Some people have an idea that all there is to Xty is to come to Jesus and tarry with him for the rest of their lives, then go with him into heaven.

What a presumption so to think! Because I have completed my medical course and hold a doctor's degree, have I a right to present you with a bill for medical treatment? I cannot collect on my doctor's degree until I render service as a doctor. Nor can I collect on my Xty until I render the world a Xn service. GOYE INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL.

We Xns are not only called and we must not only tarry, but we must GO. There is work for us to do. God is counting on us to carry on, to carry on thw work which Christ began.

S.D Gordon's imaginary conversation between the angel Gabriel and Christ, soon after the Ascension. Gabriel is asking Jesus what plans he has made to let the world know that he has lived on earth, there died and rose again. And Christ is made to reply, "I have asked James and Peter and John and some others to make it the business of their lives to tell others about it, "and the other to tell still others until every last person on earth has heard about it".

Gabriel is incredulous and exclaims, "Yes, but suppos Peter and James and John for get, suppose their successors lose their enthusiasm and fail to tell others. Suppose the people in the twentieth century become so wrapped up with other things as to neglect your request, what then?" And back comes the quiet answer of Jesus, "I have made no other plans, I am counting on them". God is counting on you and me to Go, and tell others, to work for Him in the vineyard of human need.

A mere lad in the army failed to respond to the discipline very well. Always in trouble of some kind. But whe the time came to do actual service he suddenly became a man. On the last fighting day of the Great War he was entrusted to deliver two important messages in very danger ous places, in the midst of the enemies fire. But both times he returned and saluted with, "Captain, your message has been delivered". When we return to God and face the Savior of the world, will we be able to salute and say, Captain of th

Xn hosts, I delivered your message"?

When you teach your own child to pray, telling him of the story of Christ, you are obeying the command to Go. Sunday-school teachers, when you interpret the lessons from the Bible to your boys and girls, y u are telling others abut Christ. Church members ~~and friends,~~ when you invite your neighbors and friends to come to church with you, you are helping your church to tell the story of Christ to Vacaville. Subscribers and contributers to the support of the Church, you are making it possible for others to hear the glad tidings. And you who contribute also to the red side of your envelopes, who give to the benevolences of the Church, in a very direct way are helping believers to go into all the world and preach the Gospel of redemption.

"How is it,' asked a man of a minister, 'that your religion has been going for two thousand years and has not influenced more people than it has done?"

Instantly the preacher replied, "How is it that water has been flowing for ~~millions of years~~ more than two millions of years, and many people are still thirsty?" There are many who refuse to drink of the waters of live that flow so freely, but woe unto us, if neglecting to go into the world as we are commanded to do, the waters of life cannot be found by those who are thirsty to drink. COME, TARRY, GO, these are the three great verbs of the Bible. Come to Christ, tarry with him to learn how to liv then go and tell others the great news.

The greatest news of the day is not that Tunney defeated Dempsy, not that Aimee may or may not be guilty, not that 500 lives have been snuffed out by hurricane, not that 46 were buried alive in a mine, but the greatest news of today and of all time is HE THAT HATH THE SON HATH THE LI LIFE. That is why the Bible is still the greatest seller, for it tells the story of Christ the savior of mankind.